

Hunting Access in Montana

Of those landowners who have elk on their property during the general hunting season **80% provide some type of access for elk hunting.**

Of that 80% of landowners who allow access, **80% allow either free access or are enrolled in the block management program.**

(Source: Weigand, Joe. "Selected statewide results from a 2007 survey of private landowners concerning Montana's elk population." Montana FWP, February 2008.)

Percentages of species distribution on private land in Montana, and percentages of total harvest off private land, by species

	Species Distribution on Private Land (2007 FWP Estimate)	Species Harvested on Private Land (2007 FWP Estimate)	Species Harvested on Private Land (2006 FWP Estimate)	Species Harvested on Private Land (2005 FWP Estimate)	Species Harvested on Private Land (2004 FWP Estimate)
Antelope	75%	75%	81%		
Mule Deer	62%	60%	69%*		
White-Tailed Deer	67%	68%	69%*		
Elk	37%	35%	36%	36%	37%

(Source: Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks)

For purposes of comparison, a 1978 report had far fewer elk on private land: "Land ownership status where elk occur is (75% public) and 25% private. Approximately 80% of the elk harvest occurs on public land." (Source: Lonner, Terry N., Montana Status Report for Elk, 1978.)